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Critics of early kindergarten entrance

By BILL MacDONALD Bureau Staff Reporter

NAPANEE - R. A. (Dick) Dodds, Lennox and Addington County schools superintendent, said Thursday that those who criticize the board of education's early entrance to kindergarten program "either have a vested personal interest in some other alternative . . or they cannot imagine the school adjusting its program to suit the younger children."

The board allows pupils to enter school in September if they are four years of age and are five by June 30 of the following year. The decision to do so was made after classes were initiated at Amherstview and Westdale Park public schools on an experimental basis during the 1969-70 school year.

Mr. Dodds said the experimental classes resulted in many recommendations for programming and organizing the kindergarten classroom. Some examples: staggered entrance organization for September, grouping younger children; revising objectives of the kindergarten classroom and adjusting the "Grade 1" program to suit the needs of younger children.

In some cases, said Mr. Dodds, the younger children are not "academically developed enough to cope with a pre-conceived Grade 1 course

He said any adjustment made in the entrance requirements for school should also

"minimal educational objectives for the youngsters."

The diagnostic service, rcsource personnel and kindergarten teachers conducted a pre-kindergarten clinic for L-A children in June. A total of 500 children and parents were interviewed.

"The purpose of the clinic was to assess each child's development, needs, strengths and weaknesses," said Mr. Dodds. "Kindergarten teachers and prrincipals have found that research supports their belief that a successful school experience is based in part upon the fact that a child starts to school when he is prepared for that experience, not when he reaches a certain chronological age.'

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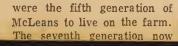
> RICHARD A. DODDS L-A Superintendent





-Hutchison SEVEN GENERATIONS OF McLEANS HAVE LIVED HERE Harrowsmith house holds memories for Theresa Storey's family

By HELEN HUTCHISON Special Correspondent



Park facilities praised by Auld

DELTA - Campers at this Lower Beverly Lake site now have all the comforts of home.

A \$30,000 service building, which includes coin-op washers and modern lavatory facilities, was opened Thursday night by Ontario Tourism and Information N James A. C. Auld of Brockville.

The structure materialized through a grant from tario Parks Assistance Act. Not all of the money v

"It inspires me to see what has been accomplis Auld told the campers and South Burgess and Bas

"I think, as an observer, your council deser deal of credit for taking an idea like this which not too common around this province, and b conclusion."

Parks superintendent Arthur Southin said cilities will be erected as the park develops.

The township park was officially opened Joining Mr. Auld (PC-Leeds) at the cerus L. Barnes, director of the conservation a the Ontario department of energy and ment, and Edwin Chant, reeve of Sou

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GANANOQUE - David Jenkins' 91.3 per cent average in Grade 12 at Gananoque Secondary School this year has won him the Byers schol-

ing: "Everyone's life has a novel in it," needs altering when applied to Mrs. Theresa Storey, now living on the Camden Road, near here. The seven decades of Mrs. Storey's life have enough material for at least three novels.

Mrs. Storey has herself written one of the stories, and has had the satisfaction of seeing that story in print. The story, written about homesteading at Oxbow, Saskatchewan, at the close of the last century, is a factual record, a small but valuable segment of Canadian history. It was published, in 1964, by the Oxbow Herald, in four instalments.

Mrs. Storey has been wellknown in the Enterprise area, where she ran a nursing home for many years. It was only after she retired from the nursing home, and came to live in Napanee that memories of Oxbow kept recurring. She determined to set down her reminiscences.

In 1896 Archie McLean, of the Portland Road, Harrowsmith, married Annie Irish, also of Harrowsmith. A few months after they were married a neighbor's son, one of three homesteading brothers, returned from Oxbow, on the Souris River, for a visit home. When he went back the bride and groom went with him.

Annie McLean was the housekeeper for the three bachelor brothers in their three-room sod shanty. Her husband Archie worked for a neighbor to save enough money to buy his own quarter section.

Their baby Theresa, now Mrs. Storey, was born in 1897, the summer after they arrived in Oxbow. The hound that belonged to the homesteading brothers was her baby sitter, trotting to the cradle at the first sound from the baby. When she could sit up Theresa's play pen was a horse collar on the dirt floor of the shanty.



MRS. THERESA STOREY She wrote on Oxbow incidents

Many of the details told in Mrs. Storey's writings are social history of the west, already half forgotten. There were railroad cars available to homesteaders in those years of filling up the west with settlers. Eastern families might send a carload of household and farm goods to relatives, with this stipulation: one person must ride in the car with the goods.

The exact instructions for cutting sods, and using them to build the walls of a sod house, are part of Mrs. Storey's reminiscences. The beauty of a prairie spring, crocus-laden, the sight of a numberless herd of North Dakota cattle driven past their home to summer on the free prairie pasture, a prairie cyclone, anecdotes of neighbors and prairie friends are woven into the story.

Ten years after the family had come to live at Oxbow they received word of the death of Archie McLean's father. His mother begged him to come back to Harrowsmith to take over the family farm. With many regrets they left behind them their western home.

The McLean farm, to which the family returned, is in itself a story. The children who came to live there in 1907

lives on the farm in two frame houses. Thirty-five differen objects, part of the life of this family, were sent to Upper Canada Village, after having been stored for generations in the driveshed.

The frame houses now on the farm are the fifth and sixth houses. The first three were log cabins, no longer in existence. Traces of them, such as lilac bushes, remain. The fourth house, of frame, is now the driveshed.

Shortly after coming to Ontario Theresa McLean had measles, which left her with failing eyesight. When she was 12 she became totally blind, and remained so until she was 20. Her education was badly hampered by her blindness.

Another illness took Theresa into Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, where the sisters made a deep impression on her with their kindness and skilful care. She had, from the days of church in the school house near Oxbow. been a 'devout Christian. She had prayed for restoration of her sight. Now, after her experience of tender nursing care she made a vow: if God should choose to give her back her sight she would spend her life in His service, caring for the old and the ill.

One morning when she awoke she could see. Shortly after that she went in training as a student nurse at Hotel Dieu.

Again illness thwarted her plans. Typhoid, six months before graduation, brought her close to death, and left her health so impaired that she could not finish her train-

Then came marriage, and three children. While the children were still small she nursed around Harrowsmith arship prize for 1970.

This \$200 prize is the interest accruing on the William and Elizabeth Ann Byers scholarship fund and also the A. F. and J. R. Scholarship fund. It is awarded annually to the candidate making the highest aggregate in nine middle school subjects.

Winners of three Gananoque Lions Club scholarships have also been announced. They are Janis Galway, 84.3 per cent, Colleen Belbin, 83.8 per cent and Carl Keyes, 82.2 per cent. The prizes are \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively.

Vicky Mills has won the D. A. Mitchell scholarship in the Grade 10 division. It is \$50 presented by Mitchell and Wilson Ltd. of Gananoque in memory of the late D. A. Mitchell. It goes to the student who obtains the highest standing the year's examinations, both term and final.

Miss Mills' average was 89.1 per cent cent. Karen Murray with 87.7 per cent

and Verona, finally buying a house in Enterprise, which she turned into a nursing home. During 30 years there she took care of 90 elderly people, and 400 maternity cases. In 1942 she married her second husband, Amos Storey of Violet. He died a few years ago.

Although her eyesight is once more failing Mrs. Storey not only looks after herself in her home on Camden Road she still has an elderly woman living with her.

With the homesteading story written and published Mrs. Storey is working on another chronicle of part of her life, racing against time to complete it.

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To Dr.H.C.Burleigh Bath. Ontario

Dear Dr.Burleigh

In looking over papers and some letters recently I found one I had received from you in July 1938. I expect I answered at that time but in case I did not send you a snap I took of the old Carscallen Home at Camden East I will inclose one now, you were interested in locating this house. My husbandwho has been dead six years and I took a motor trip through Adolphustown and other points east taking with us a Mrs.Gage and Mrs.Sifton of Hamilton who are descendants of the Carscallens. It was through them we wished to locate the old home. In your letter you mention \$ aims of the Bath Historical Society , the one I feel very much interest in is The institution of annual Loyalists week , that is something we could all enjoy and carry out no matter where we may be living. I think I will mention this to our Branch of Loyalists the Governor Simcoe .Also marking historic sites is an interesting subject. I am Secretary of our Governor Simcoe Branch and Genealogist as well and too I am Lady vice President and Genealogist of the Dominion Council of the U.E.I. Hoping you may not have forgotten me entirely and at least will remember I am a Noxon descendant I am .Yours most sincerely

(Mrs) Lotta Noxon McLean U.E.

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